



# Parks & Recreation

As “The Natural Place”, the City of Pitt Meadows offers exceptional outdoor recreational opportunities, including a network of dikes which is available for walking, cycling, and equestrian use and boating on the Alouette, Fraser and Pitt Rivers and Pitt Lake. The City also has athletic fields and several community buildings available for sports, recreation and fitness activities, as well as meeting rooms for community groups.

Since 2015, the City has operated its own Parks and Recreation services, after many years under a joint-service model with Maple Ridge. Now firmly settled into the community, the City’s Recreation department is ready to engage the community about the future of parks and recreation in Pitt Meadows.

## Current Trends

- More informal and diverse recreation activities.
- Focus on lifestyle and wellness.
- Demands for recreation opportunities close to home.
- Age-friendly communities.
- Trail uses as one of the most popular activities.
- Challenges related to parkland supply with increasing density.
- Aging infrastructure and facilities.
- Meeting multiple needs at facilities.



### What does the current OCP say?

- Parks and other open spaces remain an integral part of the visual character of Pitt Meadows and important contributors to the quality of life.
- Continue to work with the School District to provide joint-school and neighbourhood park sites.
- Continue to provide additional facilities as the community grows over time. Developments by the City, public-private sector partnerships, and partnerships with other public and private agencies will all be considered.
- Encourage the establishment of cultural, recreation and other community facilities and public uses in the Civic Centre, the Town Centre and the Sawyer's Landing Waterfront Village (Osprey Village).
- Support the acquisition and development of river access park areas to provide parking, viewpoints and picnic use.
- Continue to enhance its multi-use trail network to provide connections and access to waterfront areas, parks and open space, regional greenways and residential neighbourhoods.

### Challenges

- Existing indoor facility space is limited.
- Some of the buildings used by parks and recreation are aging.
- The ongoing need to maintain the extensive dike system, parks and trails.
- Ensuring that recreational facilities and activities are accessible to as many users as possible.

- Recruitment of volunteers to help with events.
- Meeting the demands of the growing and diverse population.

### Opportunities

- The upcoming parks and recreation planning process will provide an opportunity to have an in-depth community discussion with regards to the future of these amenities and services.
- Cultivating a pool of volunteers to help with events.
- Developing an aquatic centre if sufficient capital and operating funding can be secured. The City may wish to consider a specialized aquatic facility rather than a larger, general facility.
- Upgrading facilities to encourage active participation and accessible recreation programming for a growing, diverse population.
- Planning facilities and programming indoor and outdoor spaces so that a variety of age-groups and abilities are able to use at the same time, thereby attracting families – parents and children – to use facilities together.
- Partnerships with the schools, Katzie First Nation and other government agencies.
- The lands yet to be developed next to the Pitt Meadows Athletic Park present an opportunity to provide additional outdoor recreation activities for the residents of Pitt Meadows.

### Current & Upcoming Projects

- Updating the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

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